MINUTES LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER

August 22, 2007

PRESENT: Charlotte Barkley

Wilma Brown Joyce Bunn

Loretta Evans, Chairperson

Barbara Holmes Betty Meredith Judy Padgett Dr. Ohlen Wilson

Dr. Robert Smith, Director of Psychological Services

OTHERS PRESENT: BJ McKnight, Human Rights Advocate

Deborah Lowe, LHRC Secretary

ABSENT: Betty Meredith

Karen Poe, Facility Liaison

The Local Human Rights Committee for Southwestern Virginia Training Center met on Wednesday, August 22, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room #2. Loretta Evans called the meeting to order and presided.

On a motion by Dr. Wilson, and a second by Joyce Bunn, the minutes from the July 25, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved.

B. J. McKnight gave an update on the 2007 Human Rights Seminar on September 13-14. B. J. announced that SWVTC will be pre-paying in advance for lodging and registration. Meal expenses will be reimbursed by completing a travel expense voucher after the seminar. Those attending are B. J., Loretta Evans, Joyce Bunn, and Barbara Holmes. All paperwork for registration is completed and mailed.

A motion was made by Barbara Holmes and seconded by Joyce Bunn that the Local Human Rights Committee go into Closed Session pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711.A(4) and (15) for the purpose of reviewing the restrictive behavior plans and/or medication reviews of residents. Such review would necessarily involve discussion and consideration of mental and medical records which are confidential and exempted from the Freedom of Information Act.

After review in Closed Session of the restrictive behavior plans and medication reviews, a motion was made by Charlotte Barkley and seconded by Dr. Wilson that the LHRC convene in Open Session. The motion carried.

Upon reconvening in Open Session, the Local Human Rights Committee unanimously certified that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Closed Session, were discussed in the Closed Session.

On a motion made by Charlotte Barkley and a second by Dr. Wilson, the LHRC unanimously approved as presented individual programs presented by first names and register numbers for residents of Connections, New Horizon, and Pathways Cottages with two recommendations and three updates to be given next month.

Dr. Dale Woods, Director of SWVTC, gave a report on plans for a Tobacco-Free Campus as of October 10, 2007.

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A motion was made by Charlotte Barkley and seconded by Wilma Brown that the Local Human Rights Committee reconvene in Closed Session pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711.A(4) and (15) for the purpose of reviewing the individual smoking cessation plans, and that the Abuse/Neglect Report be postponed until next month.

After review in Closed Session of the smoking cessation plan, a motion was made by Charlotte Barkley and seconded by Dr. Wilson that the LHRC convene in Open Session. The motion carried.

Upon reconvening in Open Session, the Local Human Rights Committee unanimously certified that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Closed Session, were discussed in the Closed Session.

A motion was made by Charlotte Barkley and seconded by Wilma Brown that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the LHRC is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26, 2007.